Mint of the United States
Philadelphia April 11th 1836

Sir,

I have just received your letter of the 8th inquiring "When the machinery for the New Orleans Branch Mint will be finished and ready for transmission".

A contract has been entered into with Messrs. Rush & Muhlenburg, for executing and erecting the Steam engine and Shafting for this Branch. The whole to be packed up and delivered at the wharf in Philadelphia by the 1st day of September next. To be thence transported by us to New Orleans. There to be erected, and put in complete working order by the Contractors on or before the 1st of Feby 1837. The whole sum to be paid for this contract, is $20,250.

A Contract has been entered into with Messrs. Merrick, Agnew & Tyler, for five machines for cutting planchets, two draw benches, two machines for milling planchets, a pair of pointing rolls, three Coining presses, and a lathe & Slide rest. To be delivered at the wharf here by the 1st of Sept. next, and to be erected at New Orleans, by the Contractors within twelve weeks after its completion, and notice given of the preparation of the building for its reception. The consideration for this contract is $15280.

A contract has been entered into with Matthias W. Baldwin, for Six Sets of Roller frames, with driving wheels &c., to be delivered here, Sept. 1st next, and to be erected at New Orleans by the last named contractors with their own machinery. The amount for this contract is $8,100.

These three contracts include all the machinery necessary for putting the Mint in operation. The whole amount of the Contracts is $43,630, and the Contract time for the erection is not later than Feby 1st 1837.

Contracts have also been made for the machinery for the Gold mints at Charlotte & Dahlonega as follows.

With Messrs. Coleman Sellers & Sons, for Steam Engine, Shafting & gearing, Rolling machinery, Shears, and milling machine, for each Mint, and for putting up the whole machinery. Cost, for each Mint $8297. The machinery to be delivered here Sept. 1st 1836, and to be erected within twelve weeks after delivery at the respective Branches: the transportation to be made by us.

A contract has been made with Messrs Merrick, Agnew & Sylvester, for making the Presses, (two for each), draw benches, pointing rolls, and planchet cutters, for the two Gold mints. The cost for each to be $6690, and the machinery to be

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delivered here by the 31st of December next. The machinery is to be put up by the Contractors for the Steam Engine &c; and I presume that these Branches can be set in operation about the same time as that at New Orleans.

Recapitulation

Branch at New Orleans,	Rush & Muhlenburg	$20250.
	Merrick, Agnew & Tyler	15.280
	M. W. Baldwin	8.100
		$43.630
Branch at Charlotte,	Coleman, Sellers & Sons	$8,297
	Merrick, Agnew & Tyler	6690
		$14,987
Branch at Dahlonega,	The Same	$14,987
	Total for all the Branches	$73,6014

With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson
Director

To
Hon. Levi Woodbury,
Sec. of Treasury.

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Philadelphia, April 11th, 1836

Sir,

I have just received your letter of the 8th inquiring "when the Machinery for the New Orleans Branch Mint will be finished and ready for transmission."

A contract has been entered into with Messrs. Rush & Muhlenberg for executing and erecting the Steam engine and shafting for this Branch. The whole to be packed up and delivered at the wharf in Philadelphia by the 1st day of September next, to be thence transported by us to New Orleans, there to be erected, and put in complete working order by the contractors on or before the 1st Feby 1837. The whole sum to be paid for this contract is **$20,250.**

A contract has been entered into with Messrs. Merrick, Agnew & Tyler, for five machines for cutting planchets, two draw benches, two machines for milling planchets, a pair of printing rolls, three coining presses, and a lathe & slide rest. To be delivered at the wharf here by the 1st Sept. next, and to be erected at New Orleans, by the contractors within twelve weeks after its completion, and not requiring the preparation of the building for its reception. The consideration for this contract is **$15,280.**

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A contract has been entered into with Matthias W. Baldwin for six sets of roller frames, with driving wheels &c., to be delivered here, Sept. 1st next, and to be erected at New Orleans by the last named contractors with their own machinery. The amount for this contract is **$8,100.**

These three contracts include all the machinery necessary for putting the Mint in operation. The whole amount of the contracts is **$43,630**, and the contracted time for the erection is not later than Feby 1st 1837.

Contracts have also been made for the machinery for the Gold Mints at Charlotte & Dahlonega as follows:

With Messrs. Coleman, Sellers & Sons, for Steam Engines, Shafting, gearing, rolling machinery, shears, and milling machines, for each Mint, and for putting up the whole machinery. Cost for each Mint **$8,297.** The machinery to be delivered here Sept. 1st 1836,

and to be erected within twelve weeks after delivery at the respective Branches; the transportations to be made by us.

A contract has been made with Messrs. Merrick, Agnew & Tyler, for making the Presses (two for each), draw benches, printing rolls, and planchet cutters, for the two Gold Mints. The cost for each to be **$6,690**, and the machinery to be—

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—delivered here by the 31st of December next. The machinery is to be put up by the Contractors for the Steam Engines &c; and I presume that these Branches can be set in operation about the same time as that at New Orleans.

Recapitulation

Branch at New Orleans
Rush & Muhlenberg $20,250
Merrick, Agnew & Tyler 15,280
M. W. Baldwin 8,100
$43,630

Branch at Charlotte
Coleman, Sellers & Sons $8,297
Merrick, Agnew & Tyler 6,690
$14,987

Branch at Dahlonega
The same **$14,987**

Total for all the Branches — $73,604.

With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
R. M. Patterson
Director

To
The. Levi Woodbury,
Sec. of Treasury